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MASS SHOOTINGS

NPR: 2 dead and 4 injured in shooting at University Of North Carolina, Charlotte campus

Two people died and another four were wounded, three critically, in a shooting at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on Tuesday.

OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

Minneapolis Star Tribune: Mohamed Noor guilty of third-degree murder,

manslaughter in killing of Justine Ruszczyk Damond

Mohamed Noor became the first former Minnesota police officer found guilty of an on-duty murder Tuesday as a Hennepin County jury convicted him for the fatal shooting of Justine Ruszczyk Damond in 2017.

TECHNOLOGY

Washington Post: Oregon became a testing ground for Amazon's facial-recognition policing. But what if Rekognition gets it wrong?

Deputies in this corner of western Oregon outside ultraliberal Portland used to track down criminals the old-fashioned way, faxing caught-on-camera images of a suspect around the office in hopes someone might recognize the face. Then in late 2017, the Washington County Sheriff's Office became the first law enforcement agency in the country known to use Amazon's artificial-intelligence tool Rekognition, transforming this thicket of forests and suburbs into a public testing ground for a new wave of experimental police surveillance techniques. Almost overnight, deputies saw their investigative powers supercharged, allowing them to scan for matches of a suspect's face across more than 300,000 mug shots taken at the county jail since 2001. But Washington County also became ground zero for a high-stakes battle over the unregulated growth of policing by algorithm.

OPIOIDS

Governing: Most police still don't carry the drug that reverses an opioid overdose

As the nation's opioid epidemic persists, it's become common to hear of police officers carrying and administering naloxone, the overdose antidote often referred to by the brand name of its original nasal-spray version, Narcan. First responders have saved thousands of lives with it. So it came as a surprise to many when *The Washington Post* reported in January that not only were District of Columbia police officers not carrying the drug, but that Mayor Muriel Bowser was opposed to the idea, calling it "not the right solution" for the city. Bowser eventually reversed her position in the face of public criticism, and D.C. police are expected to start carrying naloxone by the end of the year. But the news that such a large police force was not already equipped with the drug highlighted a reality that advocates already know well: Though more police officers in America have started carrying naloxone, it's still far from the norm.

USE OF FORCE

San Francisco Chronicle: San Francisco police tout use-of-force drop - no shootings for nearly a year

San Francisco police report using force in 30% fewer cases three years after launching a sweeping reform effort following controversial killings that inflamed tension between officers and some communities they serve, officials said. The last police shooting in San Francisco came June 9, marking the start of the longest span without an officer-involved shooting in nearly two decades, Chief Bill Scott said. He credits the dip to a new and stricter use-of-force policy and training that emphasizes de-escalating tense situations, as well as broader crisis intervention training that all officers have received.

COLD CASE INVESTIGATIONS

New York Times: Who killed Atlanta's children?

Forty years ago, Atlanta was terrorized by a serial killer who snatched and killed two dozen children, aged 7 to 17. The menacing drumbeat of child abductions, mostly of young African-American boys, shook a city that was emerging at the time as a progressive black mecca. In 1982, Wayne Williams was convicted of killing two adults. Police suspected that he was also responsible for most of the child murders, as well as the killings of four young adults. Even though prosecutors introduced evidence to potentially link him to some of the other murders, Mr. Williams, who is serving two life sentences, was never tried or convicted of killing any of the children - no one was. But after Mr. Williams was sent to prison, 22 of the unsolved child murder cases were closed, raising an enduring question: Who killed Atlanta's children?

Austin American-Statesman: Austin Police Chief Brian Manley ranked 49th on Fortune's list of 'World's Greatest Leaders'

Austin Police Chief Brian Manley was ranked 49th on Fortune's sixth annual "World's Greatest Leaders" list. As the Austin's top law enforcement officer, Manley has dealt with a number of high-profile challenges including the Austin bombings, carbon monoxide leaks in patrol vehicles and widespread criticism of the department's handling of sexual assault cases.

POLICE EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Roll Call: Capitol Police Chief Matthew Verderosa to retire May 31

Capitol Police Chief Matthew R. Verderosa announced Wednesday that he will retire from the force on May 31, after a 34-year career in law enforcement and three years leading USCP.

POLICE EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Redding (CA) Record Searchlight: Redding Police Chief Roger Moore will retire after 31 years in law enforcement

Redding Police Chief Roger Moore, who led the department through the mayhem of last year's Carr Fire and this year's search for public safety funding, is retiring after fewer than two years in the job.

POLICE EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Halifax Today: New HRP chief to focus on community relationships, rebuilding trust, and employee wellbeing

After a country wide search, Halifax Regional Council have chosen a career police officer from Ontario for the top spot at Halifax Regional Police, effective July 1st of this year. Dan Kinsella is currently Deputy Chief of Operations with the Hamilton Police Service, and will be taking on the role.

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